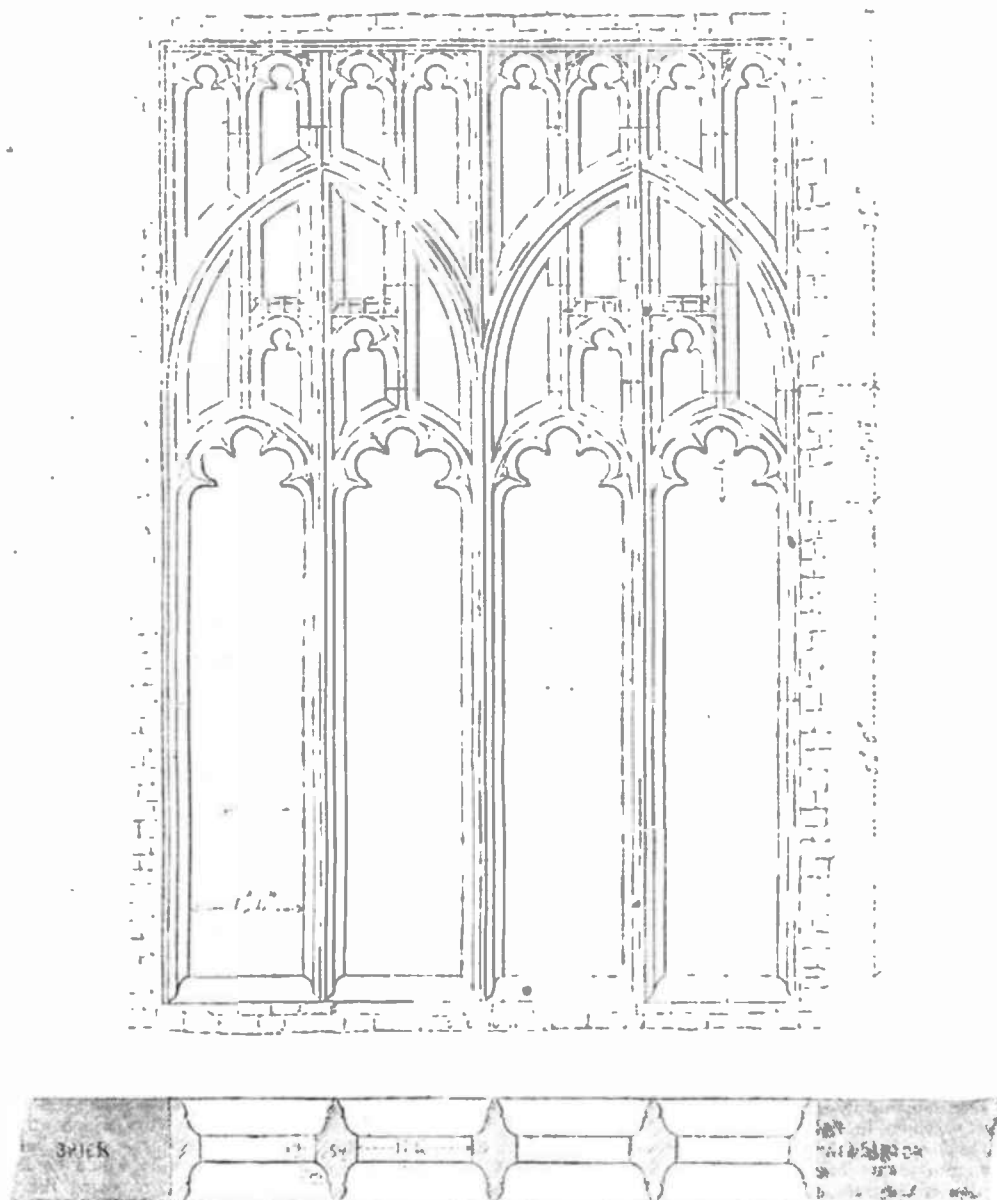


WINDOW FROM WHALLEY ABBEY.



(Plan of Window.)

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SIR,—As there have been through the medium of your highly-valuable journal many delineations of beautiful and interesting remains of ancient architecture of this country, I as one, who feel interested in the study of such, have ventured to send the enclosed sketch from Higher Hall, Samlesbury, which is about five miles east-north-east from Preston, and is the property of F. R. Gall Braddyll, Esq., of Cowhead Priory, near Ulverston. This hall formerly belonged to the Southworths' family, and was erected between the years 1533 and 1545, by Sir Thomas. The chapel, or south end, possesses a window, brought from Whalley Abbey, of which the above sketch is a representation. The inside of the hall contains richly-moulded beams and rafters of oak; the joists lie parallel to the beams, as if disdaining their support. There is a very good chimney-piece in the kitchen, bearing the date of 1545, with enscutcheons and foliated work. The brick-work is one of the earliest specimens in the whole manor of Samlesbury. Several heads in panels did occur; but many of them have been carried off piecemeal. The principal part of this hall consists of framed timber-work, of which there are many specimens in this country.

Figures 1 and 2, shewing the elevation of the window and plan, are drawn on a scale of



Fig. 3.

half an inch to a foot. And figure 3, shewing the mullion at large, is on a scale of one inch to a foot.

Preston.

(I. P.)

STIR IN THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES.

A FEELING of dissatisfaction with the mode in which the business of the Society of Antiquaries is carried on, has been long growing up, and has now reached such a point, that it exhibits itself on every occasion which offers. By some strange fatality, observable in mightier governments, the ruling powers shew no disposition to meet the wishes of the

members, and the result will be, unless they become wise in time, a sweeping and wholesale reform from without, which might have been altogether avoided by timely concession and a little judicious alteration.

At the anniversary meeting, held on Wednesday last, it was manifest that the great majority of the members entertained but one opinion: every Fellow who spoke said the same thing, and if those who guide the helm shut their eyes wilfully to the state of things, they must be prepared for the consequences.

Dr. Henderson asserted from his own experience that the recommendation of members to form the new council, did not proceed from the old council, and that the society was ruled by some invisible power beyond the council. That the object was, to elect as many inactive members as possible, and that if a member shewed any desire to move in the affairs of the society, he was cashiered at the end of the year, and never elected again. Mr. Wansley alluded to the growth of other societies in consequence of the inactivity of the Society of Antiquaries. The conduct of the president was commented on, and it was shewn that for several years his lordship had not entered the rooms. The Rev. Joseph Hunter said, the present meeting afforded proof of the want of proper officers, for there was neither president nor a vice-president to take the